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via ECF

Hon. Peter G. Sheridan
United States District Judge
Clarkson Fisher Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Re: United States v. Ram Mahbubani (97-cr-0673) (PGS)

Dear Judge Sheridan:

In response to the letter dated September 2, 2010 (doc. 30) from defendant Ram Mahbubani ("defendant"), the Government submits this letter in lieu of a more formal response. Defendant requests that he be permitted to leave the United States and move to Sri Lanka with the promise to continue paying the minimum monthly payment of \$150 for the remainder of his three years of supervised release for a total of \$5,400.

The Government objects for several reasons. First, defendant defrauded a victim out of telephonic equipment worth over \$389,000, yet he makes hollow claims of poverty. Second, defendant absconded from the United States for several years with the knowledge that he was being charged with federal wire fraud. The Court should therefore look askance at his promise to continue paying his minimum monthly payments from Sri Lanka where it would be extremely difficult to enforce his restitution obligations. Furthermore, defendant's claim that his living arrangements in his daughter's apartment leaves him with a tenuous situation does not account for the availability of other housing, such as with his brother in Norwood, New Jersey.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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United States Attorney

/s/ Rodney C. Villazor

By: Rodney C. Villazor
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*Hearing on the matter
is scheduled for 10/1/10
at 12:00 P.M.*

SO ORDERED: PGS
DATED: 9/20/10

cc: Kevin Carlucci, Esq. (e-mail)